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rara est, ut nullam huic similem vel descriptam, vel in Cimeliis repositam, me observasse meminerim. Quin Doctriss. & Rev. Pater Bonannius in libro cui titulus, *Recreatione dell' Occhio &c.* Part 3. Probl. 35. ex eodem fundamento concluderit non dari in rerum naturâ, nec posse dari ob rationes ab ipso allatas, quæ loco citato fuscè videri possunt.

Præter descripta hæc aquatilia coloris cœrulei omnia, frequentia quoq; apparebant animalcula ab Imperato Vela marina dicta perelegantia, itidem cœruleo imbuta colore, quæ etiamsi accuratiori examine digna sint, hæc præteribo, ne navis meæ in hoc oceano fluctuantis vela, denuo horum commemoratione turgere incipiant, quæ lubens jam contraho. Superest ut prolixitatis literarum mearum à te petiam veniam, utinam tantâ in lectione earum perfundereris delectatione, quantâ ego in rerum, quæ iis includuntur observatione; sed hoc prohibent, tum materiæ sterilitas, quum inconditus stylus, cui ut ignoscas, meq; & conatus meos qualescunq; Illustriss. Regiæ Societati ulterius de meliori notâ commendes, etiam atque etiam rogo. Vale, Vir Celeberrime, meq; ut cœpisti, ama.

Dabam Patavii pridie Calend. Aprilis, 1704. Styl. nov.

### III. *Part of a Letter from Mr N. Regnart, concerning a Pin found in the Gizzard of a Fowl.*

Sir,

I Cannot but take notice to you of a particular accident, that seems to deserve your Observation: Which is, that in cutting the Stomach or Gizzard of a Fowl, finding something resisted my Knife, upon examining it farther, I discover'd it to be a Pin, which the Pullet had swallowed,

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and in all probability had lain in her some time: For it had pierced thro the Membrane on the inside, and made a passage into the thick part, where it had form'd itself a Bed. It is observable, that the head of the Pin had past thro the first shrivell'd Membrane, but stopt at the second, which seem'd more thick and Nervous; so that the Head remain'd inclosed between the two Membranes, the Body of it having made its way into the fleshy Muscular part. At the point there was form'd a *Callus*, of the bigness of a small Pea, which seem'd a defence, that Nature had made to oppose it, as it was working itself farther.

It is not in the least strange that a Pin should lye in the fleshy parts, since we see a Musquet-Ball will lye there a considerable time, without much injuring the part; but how it should pass thro the Membranes of the Stomach, without obstructing its functions, and the Pullet thrive well after it, I leave you to determine.

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